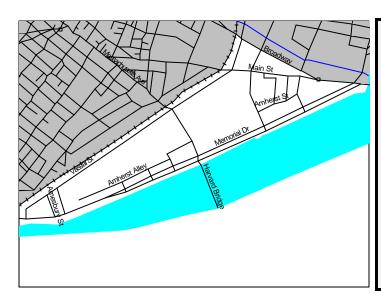
# NEIGHBORHOOD 2

# M.I.T. AREA





**BOUNDARIES:** bounded by Main Street, Broadway, the B&A Railroad, and the Charles River

**POPULATION:** 5,196 residents

794 households

#### **AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME:**

\$26,397

Neighborhood #2 is encompassed within the patrol boundaries of Car 1 and Car 3 (2 officer cars). M.I.T. has its own police force which patrols this area.

## 2002 FIRST QUARTER REVIEW

The majority of the area designated as the MIT neighborhood is dominated by Massachusetts Institute of Technology property. MIT has its own police force, which reports its own crime statistics to the FBI. Statistics contained in this neighborhood profile do not include crimes on the college's property except for arrests and incidents the Cambridge Police participated in a partnership that has proven successful is the combined patrols of the Cambridge and MIT Police in areas of high pedestrian activity during commuting hours. The effectiveness of this partnership can be verified with the statistic that only ten target crimes were recorded in this area during the first quarter of 2002. There has not been a **street robbery** reported in Neighborhood # 2 in over three years. Housebreak/apartment breaks are also a rare occurrence in the MIT Area. There have been fewer the twenty breaks recorded in the neighborhood in the past decade. The car related target crimes of larceny from motor vehicles, auto theft and malicious destruction have been on a downward spiral in Neighborhood #2. The historical hot spots along Vassar and Albany streets have been extremely quiet over the past 18 months with sporadic breaks to late model Toyotas and Hondas with the stereo systems as the target of the thieves.

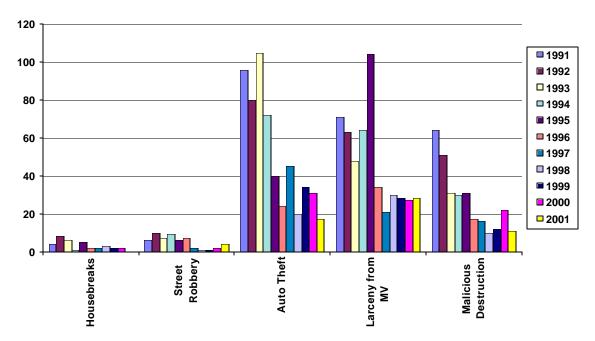
COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS FIRST QUARTER 2001 & 2002						
CRIME	1st Q 2001	1st Q 2002	% CHANGE			
Housebreaks	0	0	N.C.			
Street Robbery	0	0	N.C.			
Auto Theft	3	3	N.C.			
Larceny from MVs	8	6	-25%			
Malicious Destruction	2	1	-50%			
Drug Arrests	0	0	N.C.			

### **NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS**

The M.I.T. Area is dominated, of course, by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. M.I.T. property envelops most of the neighborhood. Its large student population—many of whom are foreign—is alluring to local criminals, who often consider students unsuspecting prey.

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology has its own police force, which reports its own crime statistics to the Uniform Crime Reporting system. Statistics contained in this profile—and in the rest of the report—do not include crimes on M.I.T. property except for arrests and incidents in which Cambridge Police Officers participated.

- The large number of automobiles parked each day on Vassar Street, Ames Street, Amherst Street, and at the Hyatt Regency Hotel have traditionally accounted for high numbers of **autotheft** and **larcenies from motor vehicles**.
- **Street robbery** patterns have sometimes emerged at the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and Vassar Street, and outside the Bank Boston ATM on Main Street. These are often predatory, targeting college students that are walking in the areas late at night. Over the course of 20 years, however, M.I.T. has maintained a street robbery level well below the other neighborhoods.
- Bicycles parked at racks on sidewalks all around M.I.T. have been targeted by thieves in large numbers. M.I.T. and Cambridge Police make several arrests per year for larcenies of bicycles.



ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR M.I.T. AREA TARGET CRIMES						
Crime	1981-1990	Rank 81-90*	1991-2000	Rank 91-00*	Rank 2001*	
Housebreaks	19	11	4	12	12	
Street Robbery	11	10	5	11	11	
Auto Theft	102	7	55	6	10	
Larceny from MVs	56	10	50	8	10	
Malicious Destruction	47	10	28	11	13	

<sup>\*</sup>Ranks are out of 13 neighborhoods, with 1 indicating the highest crime rate and 13 the lowest